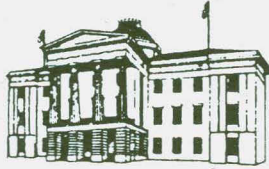


State of North Carolina



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE
GOVERNOR

GASTROSCHISIS AWARENESS MONTH

2012

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, 1 in 2229 people are born with gastroschisis in the United States annually; and

WHEREAS, people living with gastroschisis have serious and debilitating conditions that significantly impact their, including failure to thrive, slow growth, short bowel syndrome, multiple organ transplants, and long-term feeding issues; and

WHEREAS, individuals and families affected by gastroschisis often experience a sense of isolation, difficulty in obtaining an accurate and timely diagnosis, few treatment options and problems related to accessing or being reimbursed for treatment; and

WHEREAS, the cause of gastroschisis is unknown; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of North Carolina residents are afflicted with gastroschisis; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina joins Avery's Angels Gastroschisis Foundation and other interested agencies and organizations in promoting awareness about gastroschisis and in recognizing its impact on individuals with the disease, as well as their families;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim July 2012, as "GASTROSCHISIS AWARENESS MONTH" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this thirteenth day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and twelve, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-sixth.